

### REMARKS

Reconsideration allowance in view of foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-8 are pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,686,963 to Uz et al. However the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and amended claim 2 to include all of the limitations of cancelled claim 1. Applicant has further amended claim 8 to include all of the allowable subject matters of claim 2. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection is now deemed moot and claims 2 and 8 are now believed to be allowable. Claims 3-7, which are dependent on claim 2, are also believed to be allowable.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-8 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially

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